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SUBJ: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AUGMENTATION

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1. EMBOFF PROVIDED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL
TO DEFENSE RELATIONS DIVISION OF EXTAFF AND URGED
THAT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCREASED
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCIAL CEILING. GOC OFFICIAL TOOK
NOTE OF ARGUMENTS FAVORING CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR
CEILING INCREASE, BUT IMMEDIATELY POINTED OUT THAT
GOC CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FOR
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FUNDING AWACS AND AEW. THESE WOULD HAVE

PRECEDENCE, PRESUMABLY.

2. COMMENT: VIEW EXPRESSED ABOVE IS PROBABLY
RIGHT ON TARGET. GOC DEFENSE BUDGET ALREADY
STRAINING UNDER US AND OTHER PRESSURE FOR
AWACS AND AEW CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR FORCE MODERNIZA-
TION. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY ALL REQUESTS WILL BE
SATISFIED, AND RIGHT NOW IT WOULD APPEAR AS IF
NATO INFRASTRUCTURE MAY HAVE TO TAKE A BACK SEAT
TO OTHER DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, EVEN THOUGH NATO
INFRASTRUCTURE MAY NOT COME OUT OF SAME BUDGET.
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